GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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INVITATION TO PAKISTAN IN FILM FESTIVAL
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has invited Islamabad to take part in the forthcoming International Film Festival at Bangalore during October, 2001;

(b) if so, whether the Government have received the response from the Pakistani Government; (

(c) whether any deadline was fixed for accepting the invitation;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of the other countries which are participating in this film festival;

(f) whether any films from Pakistan will be displayed on this festival; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (d): Entries have been invited from several film producing countries, including Pakistan, for participation in International Film Festival of India (IFFI) to be held atBangalore in October, 2001, by sending a communication to their Embassies/HighCommissions in New Delhi alongwith copies of IFFI Regulations.The last date for receipt of entries is 31st August, 2001. No entry has been received from Pakistan so far.

(e) to (g): The details of countries who will participate in the Festival will be known onlyafter the last date of receipt of entries is over. Films from Pakistan would be shown inIFFI in case entries are received and the same are found eligible for participation in the festival.